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SUBJECT: CHIEF EDITOR OF POLISH WEEKLY VISITS ISRAEL

1. DOMINIK HORODINSKY, CHIEF EDITOR OF THE POLISH WEEKLY KULTURA, PUBLICATION OF THE POLISH AUTHORS' UNION, IS CURRENTLY VISITING ISRAEL AS GUEST OF THE RAKAH (COMMUNIST) PARTY. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, HE IS PLANNING TO WRITE A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON ISRAEL AND WILL INTERVIEW TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, POLITICAL PERSONALITIES, AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS. HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS THE FIRST SENIOR POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIAL TO VISIT ISRAEL SINCE THE 1967 WAR AND SAID THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST DIRECT POLISH NEWS COVERAGE OF ISRAEL IN MORE THAN A DECADE.

2. HISTADRUT SOURCES HAVE TOLD US HORODINSKY HAS MET WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, WITH DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR PARTY

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, AND WITH LEADERS OF MAPAM, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT MET WITH KEY POLITICAL AND
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GOVERNMENT LEADERS. AN MFA OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT HORODINSKY HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY MEETING WITH CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS AND THAT HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

3. HISTADRUT SOURCES INDICATED THAT HORODINSKY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE ADMIRERED ISRAEL'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

AND THAT HE PLANNED A GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC
COVERAGE OF HIS TRIP. HE COMMENTED THAT POLAND, LIKE
MOST OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WAS INCREASINGLY
INTERESTED IN RE-ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THAT THIS WOULD
HAPPEN BEFORE THE USSR TAKES THE LEAD. HE THOUGH,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY BEFORE THE END
OF 1977.

4. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
IN POLAND, HORODINSKY SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN
REDUCED TO ABOUT 10,000, MOST OF WHOSE MEMBERS TENDED
TO INTERMARRY WITH NON-JEWS AND TO BECOME ASSIMILATED
WITH THE GENERAL POLISH POPULATION. CONSEQUENTLY, ANTI-
SEMITISM AND THE JEWISH PROBLEM WERE DISAPPEARING IN
POLAND. HE HIMSELF CLAIMED TO HAVE MANY JEWISH FRIENDS
AND COLLEAGUES.
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